

Marriott International Named Official Lodging Supplier of 2002 Olympic Winter Games and U.S. Olympic Team

Marriott International, Inc. (MAR/NYSE), a worldwide leader in the hospitality industry, was named the Official Lodging Supplier of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and the 2000, 2002 and 2004 U.S. Olympic Teams.

The announcement, made recently during the International Sport Summit at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel in Manhattan, included Marriott Chairman and CEO J.W. Marriott, Jr.; Mitt Romney, President and CEO of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC), and Dave Ogrea, Deputy Executive Director, Marketing of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

The designation as the Official Lodging Supplier of SLOC and the USOC is the largest sports sponsorship by Marriott in the company's history. The multi-

year, multi-million dollar agreement will provide funding and in-kind services to support the operation of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Marriott will also lend its support to the athletes of America's team as they prepare to compete in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia; the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, and the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

"The Olympic Games provide a tremendous opportunity for Marriott International as a new marketing effort to reinforce our growing presence around the world," stated J.W. Marriott, Jr. "As a company which strives to offer world-class customer service, we are excited to welcome the Olympic athletes, their families and friends and spectators from all nations to our portfolio

of hotels."

"On behalf of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, I am particularly pleased to recognize the support of Marriott International' for the 2002 Games," said Mitt Romney. "The Marriott family has a long history in Utah of contributing to the community. Bill Marriott, Sr., was born and raised in Utah and has passed on his love of the state to his sons, Bill and Dick. In turn, they have continued that generosity to the state and its institutions. I certainly add these to my list of champions."

"We are proud to welcome Marriott International to the growing family of corporate partners who have pledged their support to the United States Olympic Committee and the athletes of America's Team," added Dave Ogrea.